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CARDINAL McGUIGAN TO BLESS CORNERSTONE

Ceremony at 3 p.m. Reunion Day August 31

The outstanding event of Reunion Day will be the Blessing of the Cornerstone of the new St. Michael's College School at St. Clair Avenue West and Bathurst Street at 3 p.m.

His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan has graciously consented to bless the cornerstone of the school which has been the dream of the staff and students and Old Boys for many years, and to support which the Old Boys' Memorial Fund was established.

It will be a gala occasion for St. Michael's students past and present. Besides His Eminence, and Very Rev. E. J. McCorkell, C.S.B., Superior-General, under whose leadership the building program has proceeded, there will be present M. Ernest Cormier and Mr. Frank Brennan, architects of the new school, and Mr. J. M. Pigott of Pigott Construction Co.

His Eminence James Charles Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, Honorary President, St. Michael's Old Boys' Association.

Work has progressed to such a point that most of the classroom and administration wing will be open for inspection. Old Boys and their friends will have an opportunity to see the superbly designed interior of the school which will be ready for classes in September, 1950.

For the convenience of Old Boys at the luncheon on Reunion Day, buses will leave from Brennan Hall for the new school site at 2:30 p.m., and 2:45 p.m.; returning after the ceremony.

As announced elsewhere in the Blue Banner, the Old Boys' Association is presenting a scholarship of one year's free tuition to the student whose invitation card is drawn at the Cornerstone Ceremony. The cards will be collected at the principal's office in the new building.

Meet Old Friends at the Reunion

It's a Date -- AUGUST 31

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THE OLD BOYS WRITE

Father Edward Mulvill

Black Diamond, Alberta.

"I see from the 'Blue Banner' things are really moving up St. Clair way. . . . I am glad to know Father Basil Sullivan is coming west to Saskatoon.

"Wish I could be present on August 31. Best of luck with the Reunion."

Frank Bennett

634 Blvd. Wallberg,
Dolbeau, P.Q.

"Just a line to let you know I am making plans to attend the Reunion in August. It has been a long two years since I was in Toronto, and I am most anxious to renew all the acquaintaincs and friendships made during the years 1934-1943.

"Thanks for sending along the 'Blue Banner'. It certainly helps to recall the good old days we all had under the supervision of the Basilian Fathers. My only complaint is that it is not big enough.

"Looking forward to a real old get-together."

Walter Young, '29

540 East Utica St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

"I am glad to see the Reunion will be August 31 again this year.

"I'll be there. If it's necessary to make any reservation please do so for me, and if there's anyone in Buffalo you want me to put the bee on to attend, just say the word.

"Looking forward to August 31."

Scholarship For 1949-1950 Will Be Presented at Cornerstone Blessing

The Old Boys' Association has sent out invitation cards to all St. Michael's students of last year in Grades IX to XII, and to all who have been accepted for Grade IX for this year.

After the blessing of the cornerstone by His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan, a card will be drawn from those presented at the grounds. The student whose name appears on the card will receive a year's scholarship, entitling him to free tuition for the school year 1949-1950.

Each card must be presented at the grounds by the student himself or by a member of his family.

LETTER FROM IRELAND

Father Shook in Dublin

". . . just to show you that I am not wasting the whole year, for I am now in the land of the saints and scholars, and will not have to hang my head in shame on my return for passing up this green jewel of the North Atlantic. I am here only eight days, and spending them all in the Dublin area because one cannot do it in less and there is no point trying to get everywhere and see nothing. Let me give you a few of the passing highlights. First of all I have taken three of the newly organized bus tours into the surrounding country; one into County Wicklow, one up the Boyne valley, the third up the Liffey.

"The Wicklow Hills, south of Dublin, are amazingly beautiful and filled with spots of historical interest, chiefly Glendalough where St. Kevin built his monastic city in the 6th century and which was the core of Celtic monasticism. Nearby is the tree under which Moore composed his celebrated 'Meeting of the Waters'. There is also a bastion in the Wicklow Hills erected, according to the guide book, 'to keep the O'Tooles at home.' In the Boyne valley I saw Tara Hill, seat of the High Kings of Ireland and the Tumulus near Newgrange where so many of them were buried. The disastrous battlefield and the ruins of Mellifont Abbey are nearby. At Monasterboice still stand the three most remarkable Celtic crosses, and in nearby Drogheda the head of Blessed Oliver Plunkett is still raised high for all to gaze upon.

"The Liffey trip took me to Maynooth, much larger than I ever imagined and so dear to the English-speaking clergy everywhere. I could not help but visualize 'Dublin Joe', Father Joseph Dillon, seated in the choir stalls and thinking perhaps of the blueprints of Noah's Ark. The Liffey valley is filled with signs of the new Ireland, with its vast hydro plants, artificial Blessington lakes, and little private holdings sliced off the large estates. The more you see of Ireland the more you realize that De Valera and his colleagues have done a marvellous job of governing.

"Dublin is a fine modern city, and O'Connell St. is as fine a spot as you will find in any city. Elsewhere the city is clean and lovely, and gradually the slums of yesterday are disappearing. And the churches are a joy. Not so much architecturally, but they are filled with praying people, and the morning weekday Masses are like a subway jam. Today I was in the National Gallery, in Gunning's Art Shop, and—in Guinness's Brewery. The latter is a kind of pilgrimage. Guests are conducted through its two miles of factory, then sent off happy with a half pint of porter and a half pint of stout under the tingling belt. Great place, Dublin. It has a few drawbacks. A priest has to go down the street with his hat in his hand; and a visitor has to see St. Patrick's as a duty to Dean Swift; and one cannot go into these stolen churches without the gorge rising and a sinking rancour in the heart.

"By the way, I hoped to say at the beginning that I think I will make the Reunion. I suggest that sports at the new school embrace a stable of Irish jumpers. I got to the last performance at the Dublin Horse Show, and became immediately 100 per cent Irish.

Laurence Kennedy S."

Father Basil Sullivan, C.S.B., who is leaving St. Michael's after more than a quarter century as teacher, professor, and registrar. Father Sullivan has been appointed Superior of St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon.

FROM THE NINETIES TO THE FORTIES

Here's an example of how well the years and decades will be represented at the Reunion.

Frank C. Foy, '94-'99; Rt. Rev. W. A. Egan, '01-'04; Rev. J. V. McAuley, '01-'07; Rev. W. H. Murray, C.S.B., '14-'40; Rev. V. J. Corkery, '18-'21; Leo Knowlton, '21-'25; Leo Sullivan, '19-'23; Doug Sheppard, '22-'26; John Bucher, '22-'26; Eddie Convey, '24-'28; Jack McBride, '23-'31; Dr. Paul McGoey, '29-'34; Walter Glynn, '33-'38; Bill Doyle, '39-'40; Paul Morrison, '35-40; Ed. Sandford, '41-'47; Gord Stinson, '42-'47.

ARE YOU COMING?

It looks as if we will have a big crowd on Wednesday, August 31st. The reply cards are coming in rapidly. It will help a great deal if you will send in your card **now.**

Every year since 1900 is represented in the Old Boys who have sent in their cards. You need not be afraid that you won't know enough.

Identification badges are ready for each Old Boy. Those who sent in their cards will find a badge at the Advance Registration Desk. Others will be able to fill in their names on arrival at the Registration Desks. The registration fee of $2.00 will be payable there. Ted Whyte and his staff will be manning the Registration Desks.

MAYOR OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

J. H. PATRICK GLYNN

"Pat" Glynn, one of our most loyal Old Boys, was elected Mayor of Pontiac on August 2nd. A speaker at the luncheon last year at the Reunion, Pat is coming again on Wednesday, August 31st. Congratulations to Pat on his recent election.

August 31, 1949, is to be a landmark in our history. Support us by presence on Reunion Day.

Old Boys From Out-of-Town Coming to Reunion

Many an old boy is coming from afar to the gathering of St. Michael's clan on August 31. So far the list includes from Ottawa, **Basil McEnery, Ferg. Walsh,** and **Michael Cloney**; from Detroit, **Father Edward Hartman, Father Bernard Regan, Richard Cowan**; from Pontiac, **Mayor "Pat" Glynn**; from Windsor **Father V. I. McIntyre, Father Canning Harrison**; from Sudbury, **Rudy Desilets, "Red" Pianosi**; from Montreal, **Hugh Ronan**; from Peterborough, **Frank and Gene Sheedy, Father V. J. Corkery**; from Lindsay, **Father J. V. McAuley**; from Downeyville, **Father V. G. McFadden**; from Huntsville, **Father J. F. McGuire**; from Buffalo, **Walter Young**; from Niagara Falls, **Father Daniel Munday, C.M.**; from Belleville, **Carl Casey**; from Waterloo, **Gene Bauer**; from Kitchener, **Bob Rafferty**; from St. Thomas, **Frank Coughlin**; From St. Catharines, **Michael Moran**; from Mimico, **Ed. Sandford, Ed. Harrison**; from Hamilton, **Father Bill Flaherty, S. J. Deery**; from Barrie, **Doug Sheppard**; from Whitby, **Father Vincent Hickey**; from Oshawa, **Father Jack Pereyma**; from Minnow Lake, **Father Omer St. Pierre**; from Brechin, **Father Basil Sullivan**; from Thorold, **Father C. L. McCormick**; from Orangeville, **Father Clem Schwalm**; from Dublin, Ireland, **Father Laurence Shook.**

REUNION SCHEDULE

11.00 a.m.—Low Mass, St. Basil's

1.00 p.m.—Luncheon, Brennan Hall

3.00 p.m.—Cornerstone Ceremony, St. Clair Avenue West and Bathurst Street

4.30 p.m.—General Election Meeting, Brennan Hall

7.00 p.m.—Reunion Dinner, Brennan Hall

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Tribute Paid to Father Carr

Following the announcement of the transfer of Father H. Carr, C.S.B., from St. Thomas More College to the Curial House in Toronto, Dr. W. P. Thompson, president of the University of Saskatchewan, paid him the following tribute:

"The departure of Father Carr is a great loss to the whole University. He is a distinguished scholar, who, before coming to Saskatchewan held the important posts of principal of St. Michael's College and superior-general of the Congregation of St. Basil. He is a widely known philosopher and much loved teacher with educational standards. Under his direction St. Thomas More College has grown very rapidly and its relations with the rest of the University have been ideal."

Assumption High School Band To Play at Reunion

One of the most enjoyable features of the Reunion last year was the concert in Scollard Park given by the Assumption High School Band under the direction of Mr. Frank Menichetti.

Father Canning Harrison, C.S.B., moderator of the band, is bringing his boys to play at the Canadian National Exhibition on August 30th, and has graciously offered to entertain the Old Boys again this year.

The Band Concert will take place at 2:00 p.m. in Scollard Park.

Vince Cooney, '22 - '26

A recent visitor was Vincent A. Cooney, an old boy of the early twenties. Vince is a neighbour of the Basilian Fathers in Calgary. He is executive secretary of the Domestic Coal Operators' Association of Western Canada, and was in Toronto attending a conference with the Ontario Minister of Mines.

Fr. Michael J. Pickett, C.S.B., Dies, Aged 73 Years

A St. Michael's student at the turn of the century, Father Michael Pickett, C.S.B., died early this month after a long illness in St. Joseph's Hospital. He was seventy-three. Father Pickett was born in Berkeley, Ontario. After his student days at St. Michael's, Father Pickett entered St. Basil's Novitiate, and was ordained in 1905. He then taught at St. Mary's Seminary, La Porte, Texas. During the first World War Father Pickett served as Chaplain for three years with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. He was subsequently appointed to St. Mary's Parish, Owen Sound; St. Thomas College, Chatham, N.B.; Assumption College, Windsor, where he was first councillor for many years; and St. Basil's Seminary.

Pontifical Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Basil's Church by His Excellency Bishop Webster, assisted by Rev. W. J. Roach, C.S.B., deacon; Rev. T. A. MacDonald, C.S.B., sub-deacon; and Very Rev. E. J. McCorkell, C.S.B., Archpriest. Rev. Joseph Muckle, C.S.B., preached the sermon. Most Rev. C. L. Nelligan of Assumption College, was in the sanctuary, together with Rt. Rev. J. J. McGrand. Interment was made in Mount Hope cemetery.

R.I.P.

ST. MIKE'S GRADUATE ORIGINATED PATROLS

Of interest to Old Boys is the obituary of Eugene Sheridan which appeared in the "Canadian Register," July 16.

"Eugene J. Sheridan, 65, widely known Catholic layman who has died (July 2) at Fitkin Memorial Hospital in Neptune, N.J., was recognized nationally as the originator of the school boy patrol system and did much to alter the old-fashioned notions regarding truancy.

It was back in 1915 that Mr. Sheridan originated the school boy patrol which now is in use in many American cities. The American Automobile Association, which promotes the patrols, officially recognized Mr. Sheridan as the originator. He established 10 school boy patrols in Newark in 1915 and they now have grown to 48.

Mr. Sheridan was an alumnus of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Canada, and attended Columbia University graduate school and Fordham University's school of social science. He was a native and life-long resident of Newark and is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter."

SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Old Boys is extended to Father Joseph O'Neill in the death of his mother, and to Carl "Irish" Chiovitti, Father M. Bolan, Ed. Gearon and Michael Kirby in the death of their fathers.

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